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Purchasing a new kitchen or bathroom is a big financial and time-consuming commitment – certainly not something you'll do every year – so whether it's your first project or it's time to start looking again the whole process may feel a little daunting.

So where should you begin? All these new trends may be in fashion now, but will they last… the last thing you want is a design that dates. Don't panic. Just like with fashion, kitchen and bathroom trends come and go, only to come back again. Some are more popular than others – legwarmers, flares, shoulder pads – but all have their place. So don't hold back, pick a style you love and dive in!

This issue is *Utopia*'s annual design special, so we've rounded up some of our favourite cutting-edge styles, designs and trends from around the world. Whether you prefer industrial chic (Industrial evolution, **page 96**), calming ocean hues (Ocean colour scene, **page 104**), or something more outside-the-box (Amazing space, **page 82**), this issue has the look for you.

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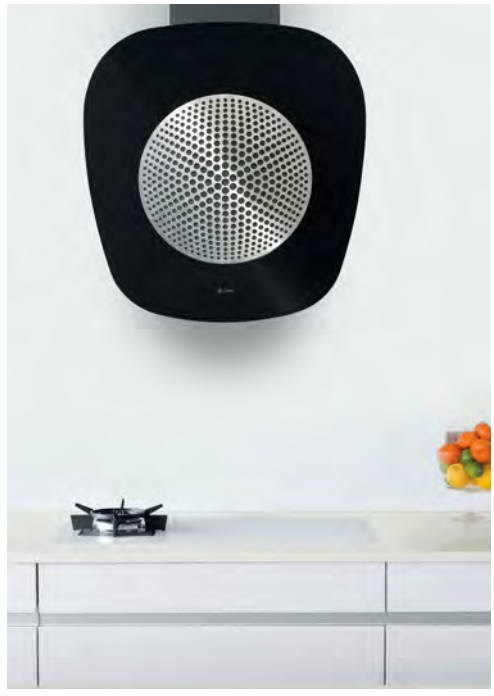
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[**01**] Baumatic BOR610 600mm-wide rustic multi-function oven in Pink, with defrost and pizza modes, £400, **baumatic.co.uk** [**02**] Artek TW003 pendant lamp with diamond-shape WIR bulb and K2-140 glass shade, available in three hues, from left: Anthracite grey, Smoked Blue or Amber orange. Price on request, **artek.fi** [**03**] Amica PI654 600mm four-zone induction hob with automatic heat reduction system, £500, **amica-international.co.uk** [**04**] Caple Zaros ZA800 chimney extractor hood in black glass and stainless steel, with four speeds and electronic touch controls, £1,000, **caple.co.uk** [**05**] Waterworks RW Atlas two-hole bridge high profile kitchen tap in nickel finish, with metal side lever handles and pull-out spray, £3,225, **uk.waterworks.com**

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The new Classic collection by SieMatic exudes timeless elegance. Here the lower cabinetry features a panelled door front in matt Stirling Grey and worktops in 40mm-thick flamed granite. To the far right a freestanding fridge freezer is concealed in a Chinese Wedding Cabinet. Kitchen from £30,000. **siematic.co.uk**


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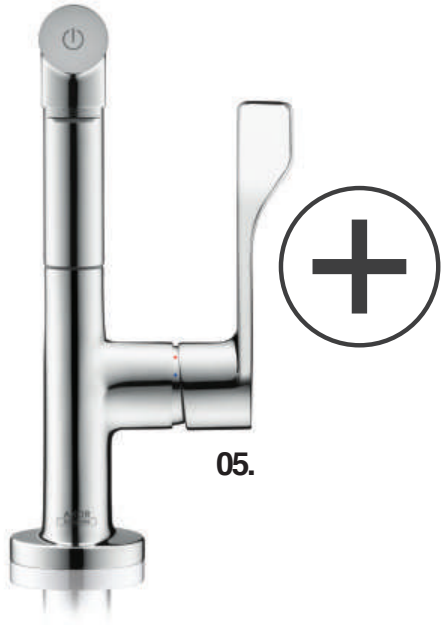


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[**01**] Bauknecht BIVMS 8100 PT built-in induction oven, £1,275, **bauknechtappliances.co.uk** [**02**] Kersaint Cobb 110XL 'Oak Natural' flooring from the Duo Living XL collection, available in two lengths, from £45 per square metre, **kersaintcobb.co.uk** [**03**] Grohe K7 tap in Starlight chrome finish, alongside Foster's New Wave stainless steel sink, £2,250, **grohe.com/uk** [**04**] Whirlpool ADPF freestanding slimline dishwasher in stainless steel, with nine place setting capacity and six programmes, £300, **whirlpool.co.uk** [**05**] Axor Citterio Select kitchen mixer by Hansgrohe with pull-out spray, from £550, **hansgrohe.com**

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These three large 7380 pendant lights from Davey Lighting are finished in an industrial black hue that mirrors the dining table and chairs below. The lights are available in three sizes, in aluminium, white, light grey or black finish. £450 each. **davey-lighting.co.uk**

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The P`7350 kitchen designed by Porsche Design Studio for Poggenpohl is shown here in Stone Grey matt lacquer, with wall units in grey walnut veneer. It features a frosted glass worktop and splashback alongside Gaggenau appliances. Also available in black or white, in matt, gloss or grey walnut veneer. Kitchen from £60,000. **poggenpohl.com**


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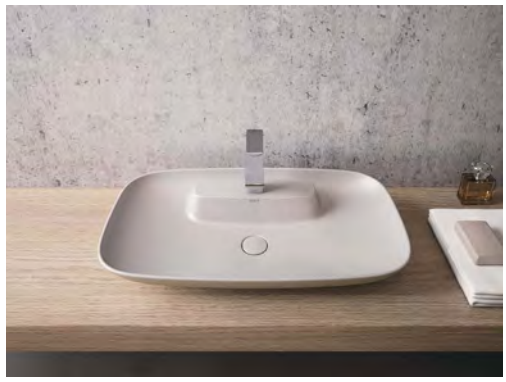
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[**01**] Crosswater Pier Basin Monobloc basin mixer in chrome finish, £165, **crosswater.co.uk** [**02**] Vitra Memoria rectangular countertop washbasin in Taupe, £625, **vitra.co.uk** [**03**] Adatto Casa Barra collection drawer unit with countertop basins available from C. P. Hart, 12mm-thick surfaces available in various woods, from £1,750, **cphart.co.uk** [**04**] Lamé basin mixer in chrome and black finish, designed by Matteo Thun and Antonio Rodriguez for Fantini, price on request, **matteothun.com fantini.it** [**05**] Methven Breeze deck-mounted bath shower mixer in chrome finish, with Maku Satinjet handset, £220, **methven.com/uk**

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The two-drawer Svelte 60 unit from Bauhaus Bathrooms is shown here in American Walnut – a rich, dark toned timber that has an eye-catching horizontal grain. A Svelte 60 basin complements the unit. £990 for both. **bauhaus-bathrooms.co.uk**

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[**01**] Rubinetterie Stella TimeAster luxury watch inspired mixer in chrome finish and knob displays in black, price on request, **rubinetteriestella.it** [**02**] Roman at Home extendable round wall-mounted vanity shaving mirror, £65, **romanathome.com** [**03**] Antoniolupi Ago freestanding bath made of Flumood, a solid-surface material, price on request, **antoniolupi.it** [**04**] Abode Vedo basin mixer in chrome finish, £150, **abode.eu** [**05**] Vado Tablet slim-line shower valve alongside Aquablade showerhead and tilting body sprays, all in chrome finish, £1,100, **vado-uk.com**

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[**02**] Ideal Standard Tonic II freestanding bath shower mixer in chrome finish, £1,235, **ideal-standard.co.uk**
[**03**] Catalano Premium 100 washbasin, £470; with ELCON18 countertop, £465, **catalano.co.uk**
[**04**] Avila Dos Aurora range Tokio countertop washbasin with Vintage blue decorative detail and white lacquer pop-up outlet, £320, **avilados.com/en** [**05**] Indigenous reclaimed timber Wall Cladding range in Pine light brown and Eucalyptus dark brown, price on request, **indigenous.co.uk**

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The Aquarius bath by Planit is made of Corian, a durable solid-surface material that is scratch-, stain- and heat-resistant. Its length and depth are customisable and it comes with a handy storage display shelf for toiletries. Price on request. **planit.it/en**





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# THE HOUSE OF BOOKS

The owners' extensive book collection takes centre stage in this newly remodelled home in Hampstead, London



## THE owners

This five-storey Victorian terraced house in Hampstead, London is home to a professional couple and their three grown-up children.



An aluminium, double-sided bookcase is the focal point of each floor. A breakfast bar that extends the length of the kitchen island acts as an informal dining area, while the adjacent dining table, made from a recycled school chemistry desk, can be used as a formal alternative.



The b3 from Bulthaup cabinetry in sleek Alpine White contrasts with the rugged polished concrete flooring. The striking bright orange staircase, which wraps round the bookcase on all five levels of the home, is made of individual steel trays dipped in orange liquid rubber.



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## THE designer

"If you're thinking of creating an open-plan space where the kitchen area flows directly into dining and living areas, it's important to get the furniture right – either to create definitive and separate sub-spaces or alternatively to maintain a continuous feel. Kitchen units for example can easily extend beyond the cooking area, but with different surfaces."
**Stuart McLauchlan, associate director, SHH**



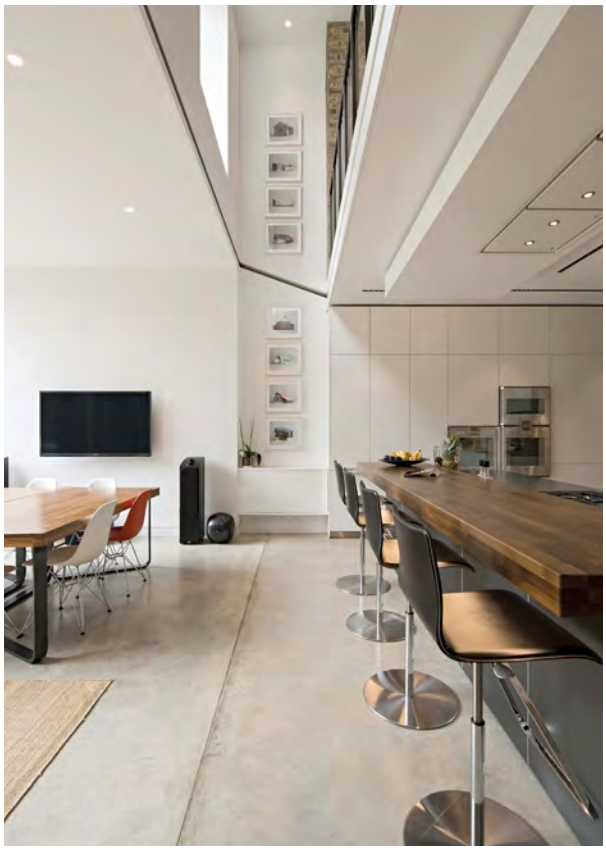


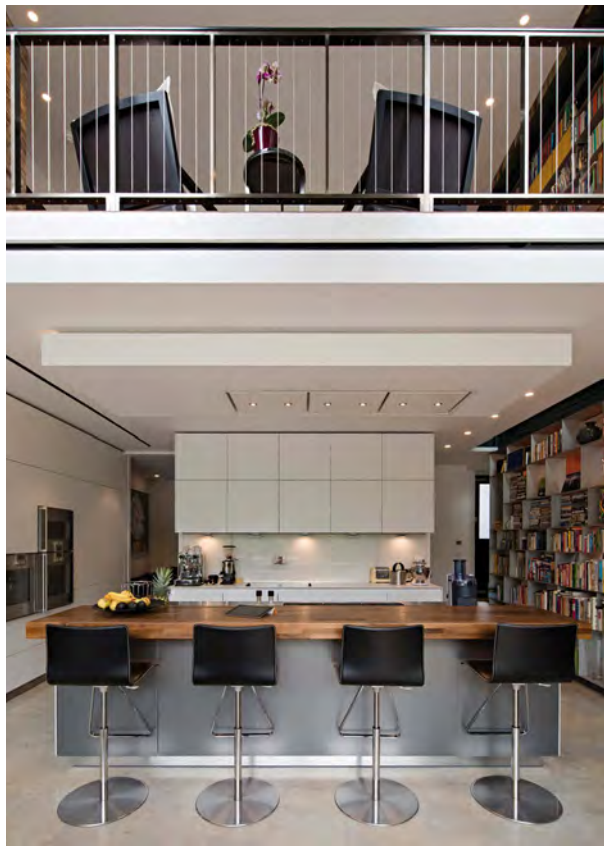
This five-storey house in north-west London was once the home of literature loving politician Michael Foot. Its new owners – also self-proclaimed bibliophiles – intended to keep the spirit of the previous owner alive, so commissioned Stuart McLauchlan, associate director at architecture practice SHH, to remodel their entire home around their vast collection of books.

The property underwent a complete remodel. "We ripped the whole house out behind the façade," recalls Stuart. The new interior scheme was formed around a stunning library structure that runs through all five floors of the home. The bookcase and staircase that wraps around it became the spine off which all the other areas of the home were then designed.

The open-plan kitchen, which shares a level with the dining area and garden, is the heart of the home. "The brief for the kitchen was to be cool, slick and contemporary and to form part of the core section of the house," explains Stuart. The kitchen itself is a sleek, handleless design, so it is unobtrusive when seen from adjoining areas. "The kitchen had to be very presentable at all times as it's so clearly visible," adds Stuart.

"It's important too to ensure the kitchen is a social space," says Stuart, who incorporated a breakfast bar that extends the length of the island. "The breakfast bar lets cooks face outwards to continue conversations or to give people tasters of what's on the hob!" The kitchen and breakfast bar are located beneath a mezzanine level lounge. A sloped rolling screen closes off the void between the kitchen level and lounge above ensuring strong cooking smells don't travel between the floors, and was a by-product of fire separation planning necessary for open properties of this size.















## “The kitchen had to be very presentable at all times as it’s so clearly visible”

The five-storey house starts with a garden, kitchen and dining level and goes up to a raised ground floor entrance level. The entrance level doesn’t extend fully to the far edge of the rear extension, creating a mezzanine level above the kitchen.



"We convinced the owners to have a black shower wall to stop the white becoming oppressive through saturation"



A white gloss freestanding Barcelona bath that sits beneath the bay window is a focal point of the master bathroom. A separate shower enclosure with a ceiling-mounted showerhead has been especially designed for the owner, who is particularly tall.





The master bathroom sits at the front of the property. The initial brief for the space was for an all white design, however Stuart advised the owners to include a bit of contrast: "We convinced them to have a black shower wall to stop the white becoming oppressive through saturation."

A freestanding bath was a necessity for the owners, as was a separate shower area. "We had to take into account the owner being over six foot," explains Stuart, "he had a lifetime's loathing of having to stoop in showers!" A white gloss Barcelona bath that is framed by flush-to-floor uplighters sits beneath the bay window, while a ceiling-hung Tara showerhead from Dornbracht allows for comfortable use without bending.

"The owners were fantastically specific on exactly how much storage they wanted and what they wanted where," recalls Stuart. The bathroom units, made of lacquer-sprayed MDF, are bespoke. The floor and vanity top are in matching Caesarstone Classico, a stone composite material.

The completed project is stunning. From the outside the property remains the same, however the remodelled interior is a triumph of interior and architectural design and Stuart is thrilled with the result: "I love it and wish it were mine!"

## THE details

**Kitchen**
Kitchen design by Stuart McLaughlan, associate director at SHH, including Bulthaup b3 cabinetry and Alpine White laminate worktops **shh.co.uk**

Gaggenau BO271 oven, RY491 fridge, RY491 freezer, CG492 gas hob, BM270 combi-microwave **gaggenau.com/gb**

Miele G5191 dishwasher **miele.co.uk**

**Bathroom**
Bathroom design by Stuart McLaughlan, associate director at SHH, including bespoke storage units and Caesarstone Classico flooring and vanity top in Pure White 1141 **as before**

Victoria + Albert Barcelona bath **vandabaths.com**

Dornbracht Tara bath tap in polished chrome finish, Meta.02 basin tap in polished chrome finish x2, Tara showerhead in polished chrome finish **dornbracht.com**

Duravit Vero basin in white, Architec loo in white **duravit.co.uk**

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Depending on how it's designed an appliance bank can disappear or add a touch of drama to your space – this one does both. This Twenty kitchen from Modulnova available from DesignSpace London features a linear bank of Miele appliances integrated into the cabinetry. Instead of sitting flush to the wall the appliances protrude slightly, making them an eye-catching feature, however, an up-and-over door provides the option to conceal the appliances when not in use. Kitchens from £25,000. **designspacelondon.com**

"Be sure that the appliances are planned into the overall design in an efficient way – it is more of a drama if your beautiful bank of refrigeration is a short hike away from your preparation space!" **Keith Atkins, director of design, DesignSpace London**

# Appliance banks

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## EDITOR'S tip...

Look at your preferred cabinetry – if it is contemporary with very wide drawers opt for a linear appliance bank to continue the horizontal feel. If it's more traditional and has doors that are higher than they are wide, opt for a T-shape or 2x2 bank to give the feeling of height.




Matching appliances are essential when creating a bank, so check handle proportions and placement and even that the colour and brightness of touchscreen displays all match. The Feel built-in appliance range from Barazza is shown here in a linear formation. Each appliance includes mirror finish glass, anti-fingerprint stainless steel and a touchscreen control panel. The proportions of the oven handles mirror that of the coffee machine's drip tray. Left to right: 1FVCFY compact combi-steam oven £1,895; 1CFFY compact coffee machine £1,920; 1MCFY compact combi-microwave oven £1,680. **barazza.co.uk**

But it's not that simple… what do you need? What's your ideal type? A stand-out look at me show-off? Or something discreet – maybe even hidden behind a full-height sliding door? Like to be a bit different – what about T-shaped? Or perhaps ordered and in-line is more you? Or do you prefer the conventional yet reliable 2x2?

The first thing to think about is how and what you cook. If you mostly reheat then opt for a large microwave, a smaller oven and warming drawer, plus if you drink coffee invest in a decent coffee machine. However if you're a foodie, then seriously consider both a steam as well as an electric fan oven, alongside a microwave and warming drawer.

A bank of appliances gives you all you need, within easy reach. To make it a feature select a contrasting finish for the appliances, so they don't blend into the cabinetry. Turn the pages to find the perfect match for you…





A bespoke kitchen can be planned to your individual requirements, right down to the height your appliances are set at. In this kitchen the linear appliance bank is set at the ergonomic height of 950mm (from the floor to beneath the appliances), so there is no need to bend down. This Soft Lack MatrixLine 150 handleless kitchen from Nolte Küchen combines a white soft matt lacquer with Oak Smoky Silver wood-effect laminate. The Siemens appliances are housed in an eye-catching 50mm-thick frame finished in the same darker laminate as the cabinetry. Other finishes available. Kitchens from £12,000. **nolte-kuechen.de/en**



By selecting the same finish individual integrated appliances can come across as a single, sleek appliance zone. This two-up-two-across appliance bank from Caple includes a microwave, coffee machine and two ovens all in a shiny stainless steel finish. The ovens doors open from alternate sides so their handles sit symmetrically in the centre of the bank. Clockwise from top left: CM209 microwave with six power levels £1,145; CM471 coffee machine with 2.5-litre water tank £1,755; and a pair of C2160 ovens with 14 functions and 66-litre capacity, £1,200 each. **caple.co.uk**



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When planning an appliance bank you may be able to specify where controls, displays and handles are placed. In this Macassar kitchen from Smallbone of Devizes the protruding controls and displays are centralised so the top row is a mirror opposite of the row beneath. This bank features six handleless appliances from Gaggenau's 400 series, including combi-steam ovens with temperature displays, probes and full glass doors. Kitchens from £40,000. **smallbone.co.uk**

"This kitchen is used both as a space for the whole family to gather and also to host large parties and dinners, so a bank of appliances was needed next to two central islands. This, much like a professional kitchen, enhances the feeling of kitchen theatre and the idea of the kitchen as a social hub." **Steven de Munnich, design director, Smallbone of Devizes**

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Large expanses of dark cabinetry can make a room appear smaller and drabber. An appliance bank will help break up the cabinetry while creating an attractive focal point. This quartet of Neff appliances, set in a square, includes clockwise from top left: C47C22N3GB compact steam oven £830; C57W40N3GB microwave £590; and a pair of B16P52N3GB combi-ovens £835 each. The bank is integrated into John Lewis of Hungerford's Shaker Kitchen, which is painted here in the company's Cocoa brown. Kitchens from £25,000. **john-lewis.co.uk**

"The benefit of installing an appliance bank at eye-level is that it is extremely easy to move food in and out and to also monitor the progress of what you are cooking with ease, without having to constantly bend down." **Graham Jones, designer, John Lewis of Hungerford**



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If you have the space, why not opt for an eye-catching T-shape appliance bank? A T-shaped configuration can be created with a row of three appliances and a fourth or fifth placed under the middle one. This bank features Miele Generation 6000 PureLine appliances in Brilliant White. The top row is formed of a combi-oven with microwave, coffee machine and combi-steam oven that have matching dimensions. To create a sleek, symmetrical appearance the coffee machine has been placed in the middle while the similar ovens are placed either side. DGC6800XL combi-steam oven £3,550; CVA6805 coffee machine £3,300; H6800BM combination oven with microwave £2,750; H6860 BP oven £3,100; ESW6229 warming drawer £1,050. **miele.co.uk**

## EDITOR'S tip...

If you have light coloured cabinetry and prefer a sleek, minimal style, opt for stainless steel or white glass (not black) finished appliances, so they blend rather than contrast with the cabinetry.

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# SEEKING SANCTUARY

A bespoke, marble-clad bathroom provides a peaceful haven away from family life to enjoy the restorative properties of water and steam



## THE owners

Mike Robins is a successful property developer while his wife Lilian is a full-time mum to their three children. They live in a six-bedroomed Georgian villa in Clackmannanshire, Scotland, which is also home to their Dalmatian.



Originally a Jack and Jill bathroom with two entry doors, Mike and Lilian decided to block up one door to turn it into a luxurious master ensuite instead.

## THE designer

"With a big bathroom space zones are important. Split the areas up into importance and work from the top down. If your thing is a major steam shower then consider the position it requires first, followed by your second zone (say the bath) and third (perhaps storage or basins). Once you have the basic zones set out you can backtrack and work on the details."
**Brian Minns, managing director, Sculleries of Stockbridge**





Dealing with a busy job as a property developer, plus three kids and a dog to keep him occupied at home, Mike Robins can be forgiven for wanting somewhere comfortable and luxurious to retreat to. He and his wife Lilian had been extremely happy with the luxury kitchen that Sculleries of Stockbridge had designed for them a year or two earlier, so it seemed only natural to ask the company back to turn an old-fashioned Jack and Jill bathroom into a spa-like retreat.



"Mike and Lilian were faced with a major dilemma in the design of this room," explains Brian Minns, managing director of Sculleries of Stockbridge, "as there were two doors opening into what was an ensuite and family bathroom combined, a tough choice was made and we blocked off one of the doorways to create a master ensuite, with all of the proportions required to give them choice and freedom to specify exactly what they wanted the room to be, without compromise."

The couple needed the room to have space and comfort for them both to relax, so a large freestanding cast iron bath from Bette took centre stage, along with a huge walk-in shower featuring a rainfall showerhead, cascade, two bodyjets and a hammam function to



The shower not only provides a revitalising soak with the Dornbracht Just Rain showerhead plus cascade and body sprays; the glass panel on the shower wall is the Effegibi Touch & Steam system which also provides steam and chromatherapy.

produce hot air, steam and chromatherapy. Twin basins, each with storage underneath and a mirror above, were backed with slabs of book-matched marble, matching the finish of the shower area and the top of the bespoke cabinetry.

Fitting such modern equipment into a Georgian building was not without its challenges. "It wasn't easy to get the shower to work with Mike and Lilian's existing plumbing," recalls Brian. "We ended up installing two entirely new drain systems to get the incredible amount of water produced from the Dornbracht shower removed efficiently. In bathroom design, if you want something to work long term then you really need to pay attention to the preparation of the room – there is no use having a drain with a capacity to remove half the water the shower can produce."

The end result was well worth it. "It works brilliantly," says Brian. "It's their own private space, a room where they can escape and use the steam cabin, go for an invigorating shower or dim the lights at night and enjoy a glass of wine in the big tub."



## THE details

Bathroom design by Brian Minns, managing director, Sculleries of Stockbridge, including bespoke Shaker-style cabinets in American oak with hidden laundry bin, double pull-out towel drawers and marble-topped seating area, marble-lined shower and book-matched marble splashbacks **sculleriesofstockbridge.com**

Dornbracht Water Modules Just Rain waterfall showerhead, WaterSheet cascade, WaterBar body sprays x2, hand-held shower wand, Lulu floor-mounted bath mixer with wand, Lulu basin taps **dornbracht.com**

Effegibi Touch & Steam 45 hammam panel **effegibi.it/en**

Bette Bettehome Oval Silhouette bath **bette.co.uk**

Duravit Starck 1 floorstanding vanity unit x2 in pear wood with basin and glass shelf **duravit.co.uk**

Laufen Alessi loo (not shown) **laufen.co.uk**

Bisque Zanzibar radiator **bisque.co.uk**

Zehnder Yucca heated towel rail **zehnder.co.uk**



Great care has been taken to provide plenty of storage – the lower part of the tall cupboard pulls out to reveal a laundry basket, while towels are stored in the large drawer beneath the honed marble seat. The bathroom has been designed with a couple in mind. The double-ended BetteHome Oval Silhouette bath is large enough for two people to be able to bathe in comfort, while the shower cubicle has generous space for a shared hammam experience.









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# Amazing space

Always fancied living somewhere a bit different? Maybe in an unusual, somewhat quirky home? And (when daydreaming of winning the lottery) also in a stunning location? One thing these spaces have in common is that they're all individual and personal – and pretty awesome!



Bert's Box from Bert & May Spaces is ideal for those looking for an alternative place to live, work or play. The insulated portable cabin has double-glazing and is made of recycled timber. Its owners can step straight from the breezy beach into a warm, welcoming shower. The shower is clad in the reclaimed Spanish Alera floor or wall tile from Bert & May. Tiles from £250 per square metre; shelter from £25,000. **bertandmayspaces.com**



Make your dreams come true – first find the right property and location. If you don't have the budget for a crenellated tower or interior designed dome home how about a contemporary cabin? The style of the kitchen and bathroom needs to make the most of the property's unique character. In a rustic setting maybe go for contrast – a sleek contemporary kitchen or bathroom – to emphasise your home's rustic qualities. In a period property you could hide a galley kitchen within tall sliding door cupboards so it all but disappears, or go for a traditional style design to blend in. Just remember it's yours, you love it – and the only rule in interior decoration is that there are no rules…



This gothic abode in Bristol, Somerset, features a stunning church-like tower that was once part of a Victorian manor house. Restoration of the property saw the installation of a bespoke open-plan Shaker kitchen from Tom Howley. The kitchen sits in a light-filled annex, which embraces the existing architecture of the unique building. Kitchens from £35,000. **tomhowley.co.uk**





This holiday shelter designed by Morten Bo Jensen for Vipp is situated next to a forest lake in South Sweden. Its minimal, masculine interior reflects that of its stainless steel industrial shell. The interior features a black powder-coated stainless steel Vipp kitchen island. The freestanding module has a stainless steel worktop and is available in various sizes, in white or black. Shelter from £350,000; kitchen from £25,000. **vipp.com**


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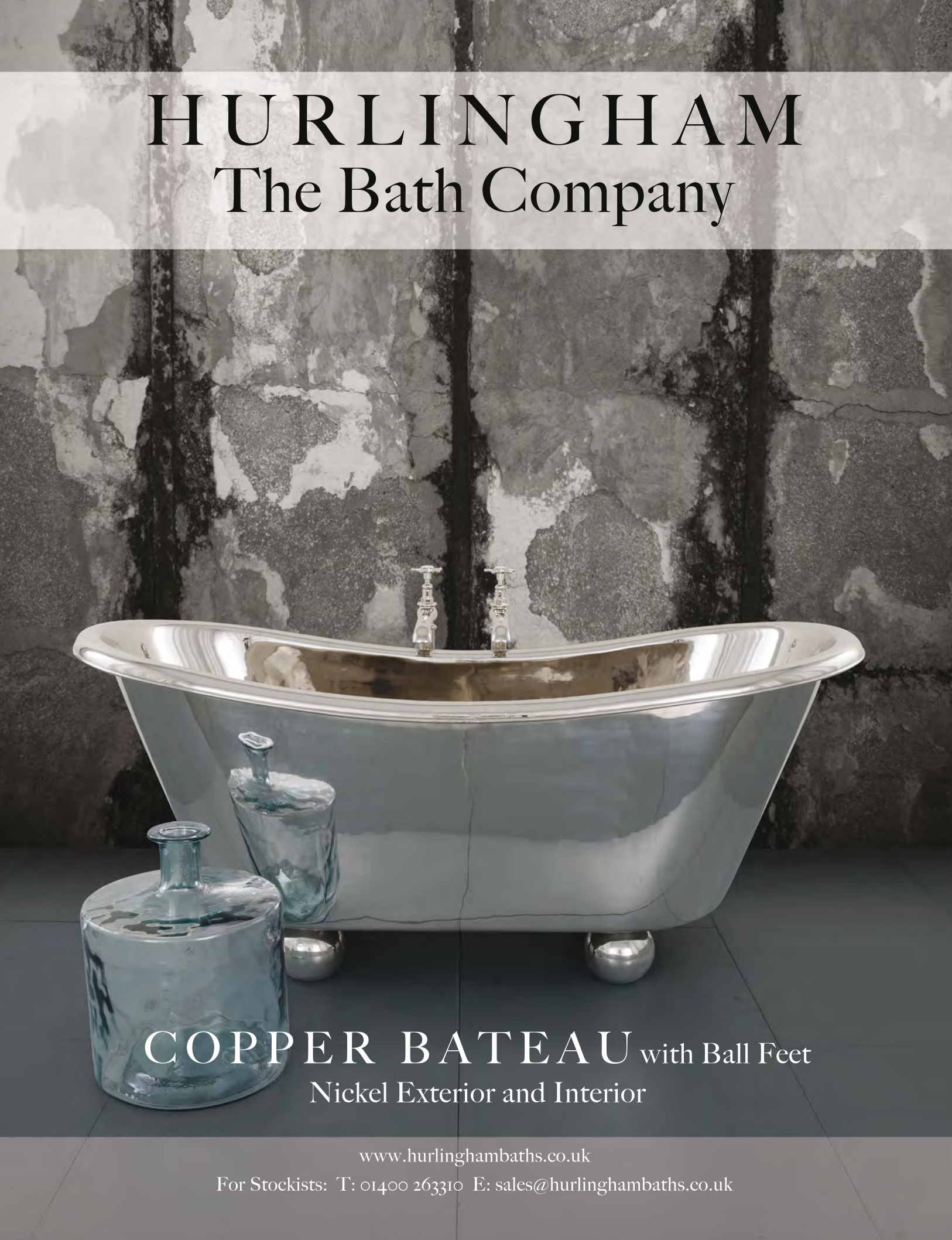


This bathroom is in the seven-bedroomed Villa Beyond, a hilltop holiday home and one of the properties in Awesome Villas' portfolio of luxury holiday homes available to rent. The bath sits next to a corner window that provides breathtaking panoramic views of Bang Tao in Phuket, Thailand. Property available from £500 per night. **awesomevillas.com**





This freestanding Brunel bath is located under a staircase in an old brewery in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. The sturdy cast iron bath is in keeping with the room's industrial vibe with its high ceiling, exposed brickwork and cast iron staircase. £2,880. **astonmatthews.co.uk**


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In the kitchen a Minà Professional multi-functional island by Minacciolo takes centre stage. Bright red valve knobs on the cooking appliances add to the room's industrial vibe and contrast with the black steel units.

# INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION

This trendy open-plan loft in a converted warehouse is home to a well-travelled Italian couple with a flair for all things eccentric



## THE owners

A husband and wife in their forties live in this 19th-century property in Milan, Italy. The couple both travel for work but love to entertain when they are home and chose a contemporary, industrial style for their open-plan living kitchen.

Originality was paramount for a married couple searching for a unique property in Milan. After a lengthy search they fell in love with a converted 19th-century warehouse, which became the blank canvas for an industrial and contemporary open-plan home.

The owners' challenging brief was for modernity with a shade of tradition. The designer had to find a balance between a trendy, contemporary style and staying true to the architecture of the classic, industrial building.

Minà cooking units, Natural Skin storage, and Mammut extractors – all Minacciolo products designed by architect Silvio Stefani – were ideally suited to this industrial style project.

A Minà Professional multi-functional island takes centre stage in the kitchen. It has an integrated sink, AEG hob, oven, fitted drawers and a Smeg dishwasher – the ideal fixture for a couple who enjoy entertaining. Bright red valve style knobs add to the room's industrial vibe and complement the black steel island while its light worktop is in White Fenix, a durable man-made solid surface material.

Two massive Mammut extractors tower over the island – the striking tubes are an instant talking point and add a touch of theatre to the kitchen zone. A freestanding black Minà larder sits nearby and an area that used to house the old warehouse furnace has been transformed into additional preparation space. A smaller wall version of the Minà cooking unit with oven, hob, sink, storage drawer and waste bin sits around the corner and is particularly useful when the owners are entertaining.





The island's worktop is in White Fenix, a scratch-, stain-, abrasion- and heat-resistant material. A tall Minà cellar unit in black graphite coloured painted steel has been incorporated against the wall for storing wine and cheese in double temperature controlled compartments.



Two large Mammut extractor hoods tower over the island. The flexible tubes are extendable and can rotate 360 degrees and their black metal heads can be moved in any direction according to the owners' requirements.



A smaller wall version of the multi-functional Minà island, with a galvanised steel worktop, sits beneath a window that looks on to the property's internal courtyard, which is used as a private garden area.





The sink is black composite and can be equipped with a handy chopping board. A monolithic Natural Skin unit from Minacciolo sits adjacent to the island, providing additional storage. Its raw wood finish adds warmth to the otherwise cool, industrial space.

The main design challenge was how to divide the space into separate zones that each have their own look and feel, while at the same time sitting harmoniously in a single open-plan space. Instead of adding partitioned walls that would detract from the open-plan feel, furniture is used to divide the zones while concrete flooring is used throughout to help unite the space. Massive freestanding Natural Skin monolithic storage units separate the living room and the kitchen.

The finished space has a strong industrial aesthetic that fulfils the owners' desire of being fun and eccentric while keeping with the style of the building, however the space is incredibly functional too – perfect for a couple who love to entertain.

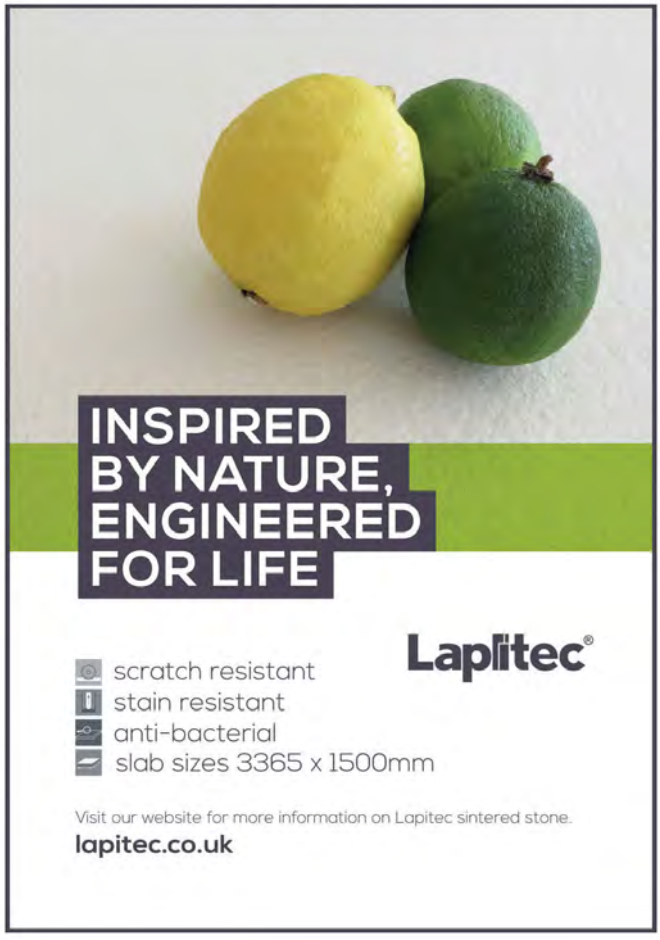
## THE details

Kitchen by Minacciolo including Minà steel collection islands, matching wall cooking unit, larder column, cellar column, Natural Skin modular monolithic storage cabinet in light wood housing appliances, Natural Skin modular monolithic storage cabinet with black fabric pattern, Mammut extractor x2, Frame dining table, Paris dining chairs **minacciolo.com**

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An ocean lifestyle has never been so cool but most of us are not lucky enough to live on a golden beach where we can go running out into the surf for a swim before breakfast. However, we can use it as inspiration – so why not engulf your bathroom in a contemporary take on the timeless coastal theme? Create a life affirming aquatic atmosphere with a sophisticated beach holiday vibe and appeal – without any of the obvious coastal themed motifs. Mix ocean hues of many colours with fresh white and natural wood. Dive in – you'll discover it's a breeze…



UTOPIA LOVES

Glossy surfaces reflect light giving them a shimmering water-like guise. The walls in this bathroom are clad in shiny Ancona ceramic tiles in Basalto, a bluey-green aqua hue. The plain Basalto tiles on the far wall bounce light creating an attractive rippled appearance akin to the gentle movement of calm seas. The Artisan tiles on the right-hand wall are also in Basalto, but they have a subtle geometric pattern. Tiles from Pamesa, a member of Tile of Spain. Other colours available. From £35 per square metre. **pamesa.com**





The call of the sea is in us all – it's from where we evolved and rooted deep in our psyche – perhaps that's why we just love to use these watery colours in our bathrooms? Like the eternal tides that day in, day out wash up to our shores, blue hues are never out of fashion. So why not bring a drop of ocean cool into your life with some simple yet stunning new ways to use blue… and turquoise, aqua, green, periwinkle, slate blue, midnight blue, teal, we could go on but we think you get the drift…



The colours around us can alter our mood – blue is associated with calmness and tranquility, so it is the perfect hue for a relaxing, becalmed bathroom space. When the wind's up, weigh anchor and sail away in the Clyde freestanding roll top bath from Drummonds. It reclines at one end to encourage relaxation while its other square end has a built-in deck for taps. Here the cast-iron vessel has been hand-painted in Kingfisher Blue from Sophie Conran's paint palette. £4,980. **drummonds-uk.com**



## EDITOR'S tip...

Cool blues look great teamed with natural wood, white and silver – this combination is found all the time in nature. Think… light dappled turquoise ocean water, driftwood, white surf and silver fish.



Whether you opt for a soothing cerulean, tranquil teal or a bolder blue, a nautical nuance will help transform your bathroom space into a peaceful retreat. This statement wall features eye-catching ‘Clear Water’ glass mosaic tiles designed by Tord Boontje for Bisazza. The tiles mimic the appearance of light reflecting off the surface of clear tropical seas. Other colours and configurations available. £940 per square metre. **bisazza.com**



**Think…**
maritime, blue, turquoise, sunlight, graduated colour, surf, aqua, sea, waves, silver, ripples, azure, varied tones, glossy, textures, coastal, sea greens, fun, glass surfaces, white mix, wall tiles, fresh, water water everywhere…

# You can't beat a spot of whale watching at bath time…



Maritime colours, whether they are blue, green, teal or aqua, are incredibly versatile. The tranquil hues will sit harmoniously with vibrant yellows and sunny oranges while also being the perfect companion to complement ever-popular white products. Here a multi-tonal blue backdrop frames the white double-ended Hadleigh freestanding acrylic bath from Heritage Bathrooms. £1,650. **heritagebathrooms.com**



Each blue hue will bring something different to your scheme – blues with a touch of red will give off a warm vibe and lean more towards violet and purple, while blues with a touch of yellow, such as turquoise and aqua, will appear cooler. The Whist undermount basin from Kohler shown here in Dew light green is available in three other colours: Ice white, Dusk blue and Doe black. The glass basin features a concentric line pattern that creates a gentle rippled appearance similar to the irregular surface of ocean water. £330. **kohler.co.uk**


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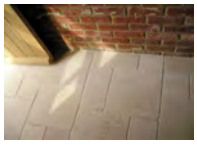


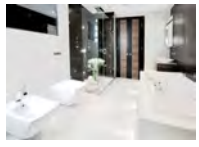
Ocean hues can complement a traditional or contemporary bathroom. This bathroom wall is clad in Fired Earth's hand-made, hand-decorated Paris Cabaret floor or wall tiles. The glazed terracotta tiles have a wave-like pattern that echoes the ebb and flow of the ocean. Here Turquoise, Opal, Sage and Cream have been combined to create a serene marine-inspired palette. Also available in Silver. £10 per tile. **firedearth.com**

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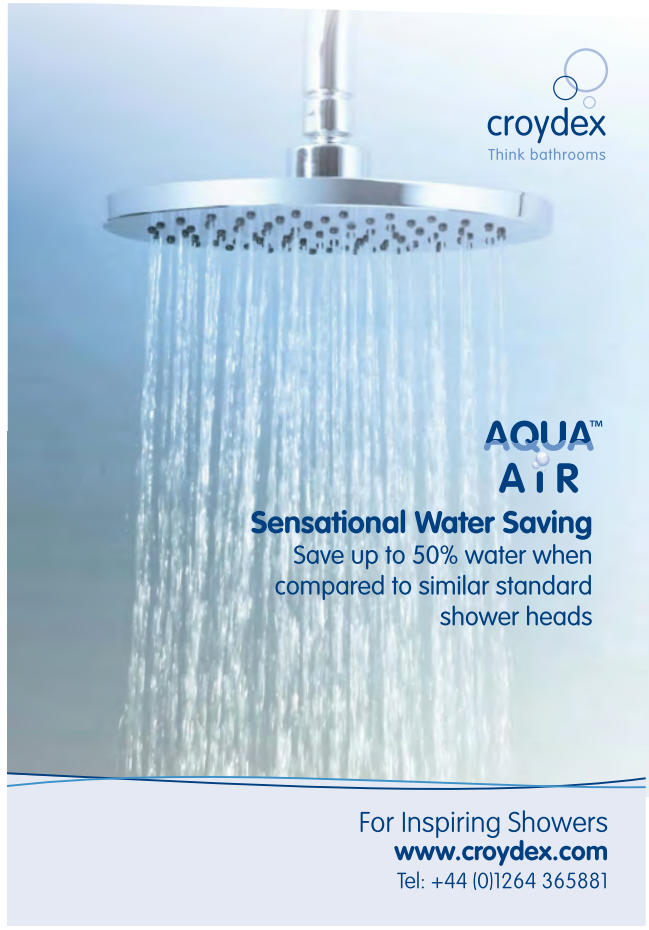


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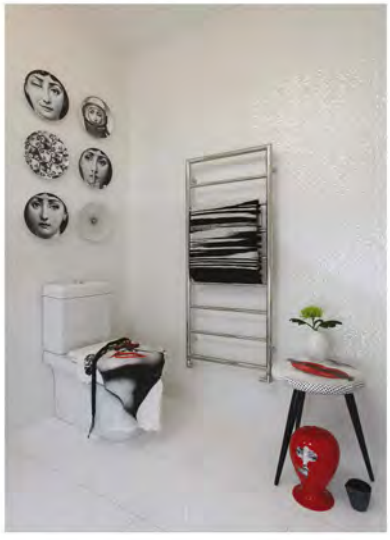


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# SHOREDITCH CHIC

This contemporary multi-storey loft needed a complete redesign, including creating a cool kitchen and a stylish master bathroom

## THE property

This Grade II listed building in Shoreditch, East London was once part of a Victorian school. It is now one of a cluster of desirable apartments home to a thriving community of artists and creative industries.

A trendy palette of cool blue, white and grey hues complement the apartment's contemporary style. The white painted exposed brick around the fireplace and the steel air conditioning vent remain exposed to add an industrial vibe.







The owner of this impressive two-storey loft in East London chose Maurizio Pellizzoni, founder and director of luxury interior design company Maurizio Pellizzoni Ltd, to transform the space into a contemporary bachelor pad.

*What was the brief?*
**Maurizio:** "I was asked to create something minimal, to maximise the use of space and to have everything stored away."

*Tell us about the kitchen?*
**Maurizio:** "The existing kitchen was only on one wall and had limited storage space so it needed a complete redesign. The idea for the new kitchen was to have an industrial feel so that it went with the rest of the apartment. I included an oversized stainless steel extractor as a fun part of creating an industrial look."



The handleless kitchen island has a recessed base that makes it appear as though it is floating. Blue LED lighting helps accentuate the recess while providing the room with a modern, masculine ambiance. The breakfast bar – a continuation of the worktop – is cantilevered from the worktop, which houses an integrated sink and gas hob.

## THE designer

"It is key to understand the full use of the house/apartment. The kitchen is a fundamental part, so it is important to make sure there is plenty of storage and it is a comfortable living space."
**Maurizio Pellizzoni, founder and director, Maurizio Pellizzoni Ltd**



The island is topped in white Corian, a solid surface material, and sits beneath a large industrial-style stainless steel extractor hood. Integrated appliances are housed in cabinetry along the back wall. The handleless cabinetry provides ample storage, which was essential for the owner.



*Was there a specific colour scheme?*
**Maurizio:** "In keeping with the contemporary, industrial look the main colour scheme of the property was restricted to a palette of cool blue, white and grey."

*Is everything new?*
**Maurizio:** "We kept the exposed brickwork on the disused chimney breast and the steel air conditioning vent, which helps give the apartment an industrial edge. The white kitchen surfaces and floating island add the modern-day luxury."





The floor-mounted Boffi Pipe shower gives an industrial theme. The loo and bidet opposite the shower are concealed behind a frosted glass wall and door.

*Tell us about the master bathroom?*
**Maurizio:** "It had to be minimal and industrial to go with the kitchen and the apartment as a whole. The freestanding Boffi Pipe shower fits the style perfectly."

*Were there any challenges?*
**Maurizio:** "The project took almost three years in total, as the client decided to live there during the refurbishment. We had to wait for them to take holidays or go away so we could do any major work."

*Are you pleased with the result?*
**Maurizio:** "Yes – the finished interior is modern, luxurious and elegant. It is very clean and it has an industrial feel which was what I was aiming for."

*What does the owner think?*
**Maurizio:** "They love the space, especially the open-plan kitchen – it works really well for them."

## THE details

**Kitchen**
Kitchen design by Maurizio Pellizzoni, founder and director of Maurizio Pellizzoni Ltd, including Matrix range Poliform kitchen in grey matt lacquer, white Corian worktops and Varenna Piatta island hood **mpdlondon.co.uk**

Gaggenau BO271131 oven, WS261131 warming drawer, BM211100 microwave, VG232232 gas hob, GI235545 dishwasher **gaggenau.com**

Miele KFN9755IDE fridge freezer **miele.co.uk**

**Bathroom**
Bathroom design by Maurizio Pellizzoni, founder and director of Maurizio Pellizzoni Ltd **as before**

Boffi WNPHAA01 PHW basin, REDI02 basin mixer, RFFP03 pipe shower, RJDM01 hand shower, GMLU06 Lumi light **boffi.com**

Falper DD6 double-door mirrored cabinet in Smoke grey matt lacquer **falper.it/en**

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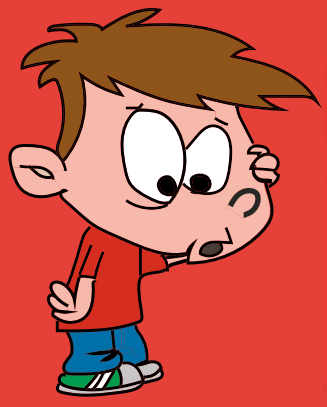
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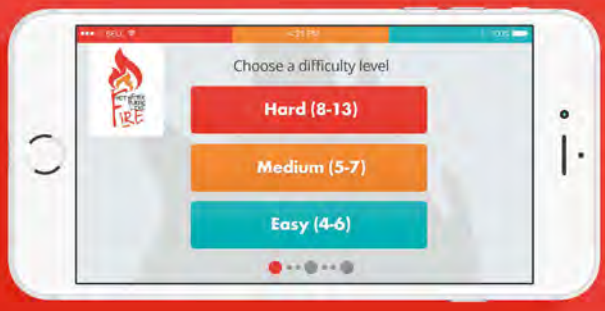
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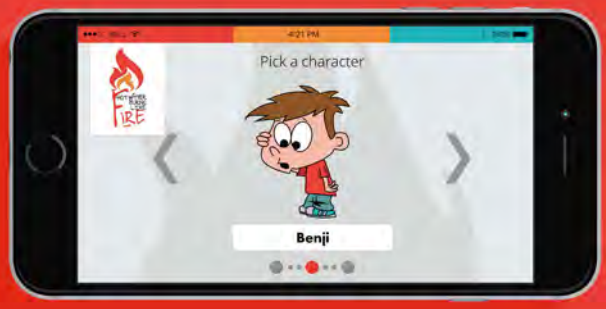
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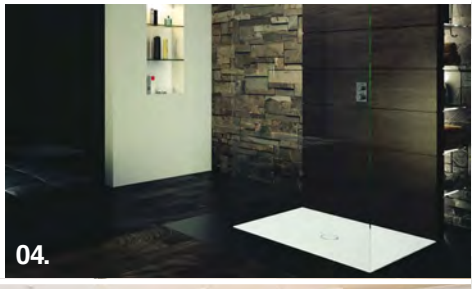
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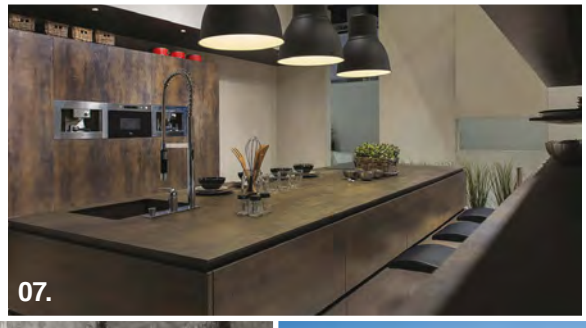

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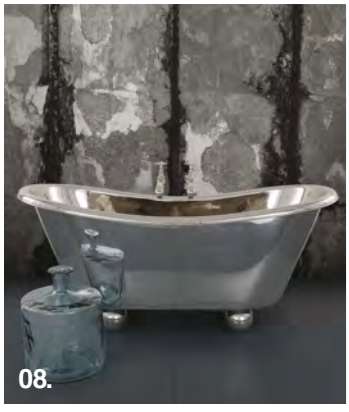

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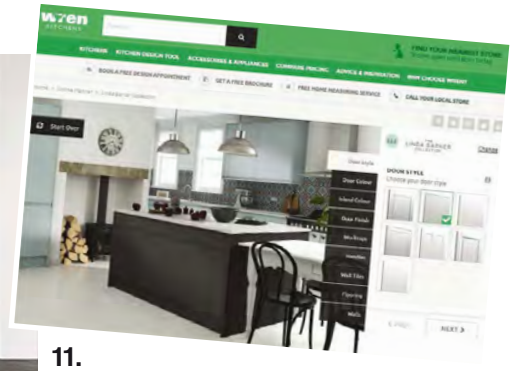
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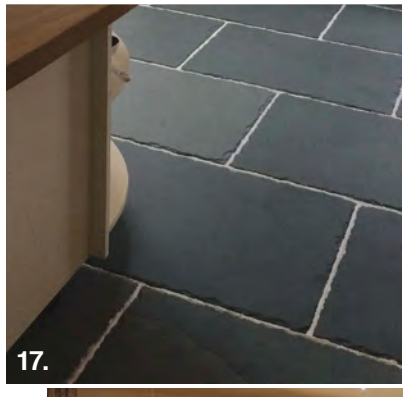

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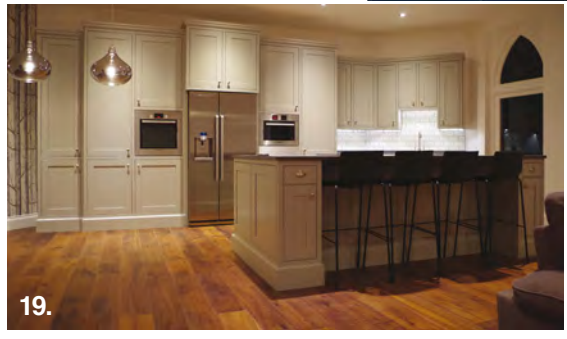
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